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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR SCALI'S LETTER OF MAY 14 TO PRESIDENT
OF UNSC ON CAMBODIA'S SEIZURE OF "MAYAGUEZ"

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF UNSC DOCUMENT S/11689 OF MAY 15,
1975 WHICH CIRCULATED THE SUBJECT LETTER:

QTE:

LETTER DATED 14 MAY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

MY GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO INFORM YOU AND THE MEMBERS
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE GRAVE AND DANGEROUS SITUATION
BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ILLEGAL AND UNPROVOKED SEIZURE BY
CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES OF A UNITED STATES MERCHANT VESSEL,
THE S.S. MAYAGUEZ, IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE GULF
OF SIAM.

THE S.S. MAYAGUEZ, AN UNARMED COMMERCIAL VESSEL OWNED BY
THE SEA-LAND CORPORATION OF MENLO PARK, NEW JERSEY,
WAS FIRED UPON AND HALTED BY CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS AND FORCIBLY
BOARDED AT 9:16 P.M. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME) ON 12 MAY.

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THE BOARDING TOOK PLACE AT 09 DEGREES, 48 MINUTES NORTH

LATITUDE, 102 DEGREES, 53 MINUTES EAST LONGITUDE. THE
VESSEL HAS A CREW OF ABOUT 40, ALL OF WHOM ARE UNITED STATES
CITIZENS. AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE, THE S.S. MAYAGUEZ WAS
EN ROUTE FROM HONG KONG TO THAILAND AND WAS SOME 52
NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE CAMBODIAN COAST. IT WAS SOME 7
NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE ISLANDS OF POULO WAI WHICH, MY
GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS, ARE CLAIMED BY BOTH CAMBODIA
AND SOUTH VIET-NAM.

THE VESSEL WAS ON THE HIGH SEAS, =_ ULG9,RE*0Q6SK J: F,<J UHP(.

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